

Correspondence Address

All future correspondence concerning the above-identified U.S. patent application should be addressed to the undersigned attorney at the following address:

Thomas W. Tolpin
Welsh & Katz, Ltd.
22nd Floor
120 South Riverside Plaza
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone: (312) 655-1500
Fax: (312) 655-1501

Remarks

Reconsideration of the subject U.S. patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency in fees or any other fees in connection with the subject patent application to our Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

The specification has been amended in order to better comply with 35 USC 112. Furthermore, the headings and format of the specification have been amended to comply with the U.S. Patent Office Rules. The amended specification contains no new matter.

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled.

Claims 11-21 have been added.

Claims 11-21 are presently pending for consideration of the Examiner.

Claim 15 is similar to allowed claim 15 of the parent patent application No. 09/871,609.

Claim 16 is similar to allowed claim 12 of the parent patent application No. 09/871,609.

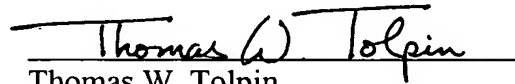
Claim 17 is similar to allowed claim 13 of the parent patent application No. 09/871,609.

Claim 21 is the same as allowed claim 18 of the parent patent application No. 09/981,609.

An Application Data Sheet is also enclosed in compliance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Rules.

Examination and allowance of the U.S. patent application with the pending claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas W. Tolpin", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas W. Tolpin
Registration Number 27,600
Attorney for Applicant

Address:

Welsh & Katz, Ltd.
22nd Floor
120 South Riverside Plaza
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone: (312) 655-1500